Core Requirements

Core Curriculum

The Core Curriculum at Mines forms the foundation for advanced study in the major fields. It is designed to give students the fundamental knowledge and skills they will need and put to use in their majors and in careers after graduation. Core courses provide students with fundamental technical, mathematical, and writing skills. In Core courses, students learn basic scientific procedures, principles, concepts, laws, and theories relevant to all applied sciences. In addition, Core courses in the humanities and social sciences help students develop interdisciplinary perspectives on the ethical, social, and cultural contexts within which engineering takes place.

The variety of courses in the Core Curriculum also provide students with opportunities to develop skills in problem solving, critical thinking, teamwork, design, and communication. Students who complete the Core are well prepared to be lifelong learners and leaders who can work effectively in an increasingly globalized world.

The Core Curriculum has three parts, the details of which can be found below. All CSM students complete the courses in the Common Core. Courses required in the Science Requirement and Engineering Requirement vary according to the major field of study. Finally, all students have a number of Free Elective courses. Free Electives are usually taken in the last two years.

Refer to the Degree Requirements section for each major program under Undergraduate Programs and Departments for a listing of Core courses students should take each semester.

Overview: Core Course Requirements

Core & distributed course requirements for Bachelor of Science degrees are comprised of the following four groups:

1. **Core Curriculum** - Students in all degree programs are required to complete all course requirements listed in this group.

2. **Humanities & Social Sciences (H&SS) Requirement** - Students in all degree programs are required to complete all course requirements listed in this group.

3. **Distributed Science Requirement** - Students in all degree programs are required to complete a minimum of three courses as prescribed by the specific degree program.

4. **Engineering Requirement** - Engineering Requirements are applicable to undergraduate students in engineering disciplines as specified by the degree program. See Department and Division program descriptions in this Catalog for specific courses required.

The Core Curriculum

Core requirements are applicable to all undergraduate students:

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In **Physical Activity (four separate semesters including the following)**

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In **Freshman Orientation & Success**

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**Free Electives**

Minimum of 9.0 Semester Hours

| Total Semester Hrs | 38.0 |

* A minimum of 2.0 credit hours. See the Physical Education and Athletics section for specifics.

** A minimum of 9.0 hours of Free Elective are included with each degree-granting program.

1. The choice must not be in conflict with any Graduation Requirements (catalog.mines.edu/undergraduate/undergraduateinformation/undergraduatedegreerequirements/).
2. Free electives to satisfy degree requirements may not exceed three semester hours (3.0) in activity courses such as band, choir, studio art, physical activity, and varsity athletics courses combined.
3. Transfer credits used for free electives must comply with the transfer credit guidelines.

Humanities & Social Sciences (H&SS) Requirement

All Mines undergraduate students are required to satisfy a Humanities & Social Sciences (H&SS) Core requirement as one component of Mines’ Core Curriculum. The H&SS Core requirement includes 19 credit hours of courses ranging from first-year to senior-level and offered by a variety of academic units across campus. The H&SS Core includes both specified and restricted-elective course requirements as described below.

Core Required Courses*

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<td>400-LEVEL ELECTIVE</td>
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Total Semester Hrs

| 19.0 |

* These course requirements are modified for students in the following programs: Thorson Honors, McBride Honors, and Bachelor of Science in Engineering (BSE). Students in these programs can find program-specific requirements within the relevant program sections of this catalog.
The additional 9 credit hours of mid-level and 400-level electives must meet the following requirements:

- At least 3 credit hours must be at the 400 level.
- At least 3 credit hours must have a HASS (Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences) course code.
- No more than 6 credit hours can have the LIFL (Foreign Languages) course code.
- Courses with the LIMU (Music) course code cannot be used to satisfy this requirement.
- HASS498 special topic courses can be used to satisfy this requirement.
- Single majors in Economics cannot use courses with the EBGN course code to satisfy this requirement.
- No more than 6 credit hours can have the LIFL (Foreign Languages) course code.
- Except for foreign languages, no AP or IB credit can be used to meet this requirement. (AP/IB credits will be applied as free electives.)
- All HNRS courses are eligible for Humanities and Social Sciences (H&SS) credit (see your advisor).
- All LIFL courses are eligible for Humanities and Social Sciences (H&SS) credit (see your advisor).
- All HASS courses are eligible for Humanities and Social Sciences (H&SS) credit (see your advisor).

Courses that satisfy the Humanities & Social Sciences (H&SS) Core Restricted Electives requirement are offered by several academic units. The various course codes and their respective academic division or department can be found in the table below:

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Distributed Science Requirement

The Science Requirement is a minimum of three courses and is applicable to all undergraduate students as follows:

**APPLIED MATH & STATISTICS**

- MATH201 PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS FOR ENGINEERS
- PHGN200 PHYSICS II-ELECTROMAGNETISM AND OPTICS
- CSC101 INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER SCIENCE
- CHGN122 PRINCIPLES OF CHEMISTRY II (SC1)

**CHEMISTRY - See degree specialty listings to determine if CBEN110 or GEGN101 are required**

- PHGN200 PHYSICS II-ELECTROMAGNETISM AND OPTICS
- CBEN110 FUNDAMENTALS OF BIOLOGY I
- CBEN122 PRINCIPLES OF CHEMISTRY II (SC1)
- CBEN110 FUNDAMENTALS OF BIOLOGY I

**CHEMICAL ENGINEERING**

- CBEN110 FUNDAMENTALS OF BIOLOGY I
- PHGN200 PHYSICS II-ELECTROMAGNETISM AND OPTICS
- CHGN122 PRINCIPLES OF CHEMISTRY II (SC1)

**CHEMICAL & BIOCHEMICAL ENGINEERING**

- CBEN110 FUNDAMENTALS OF BIOLOGY I
- PHGN200 PHYSICS II-ELECTROMAGNETISM AND OPTICS
- CHGN122 PRINCIPLES OF CHEMISTRY II (SC1)

**CIVIL ENGINEERING**

- FOUR COURSES REQUIRED
- CHGN122 PRINCIPLES OF CHEMISTRY II (SC1)
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#### MATH201
- Probability and Statistics for Engineers

#### PHGN200
- Physics II - Electromagnetism and Optics

#### GEGN101
- Earth and Environmental Systems
  - or CBEN110 Fundamental of Biology I

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE

#### PHGN200
- Physics II - Electromagnetism and Optics

#### CSCI101
- Introduction to Computer Science

#### MATH201
- Probability and Statistics for Engineers

#### ECONOMICS

#### CSCI101
- Introduction to Computer Science

#### MATH201
- Probability and Statistics for Engineers

#### CBEN110
- Fundamental of Biology I
  - or GEGN101 Earth and Environmental Systems
  - or PHGN200 Physics II - Electromagnetism and Optics
  - or CHGN122 Principles of Chemistry II (SC1)
  - or CHGN125 Molecular Engineering & Materials Chemistry

#### ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

#### PHGN200
- Physics II - Electromagnetism and Optics

#### CHOOSE TWO FROM BELOW

#### CBEN110
- Fundamental of Biology I

#### GEGN101
- Earth and Environmental Systems

#### CHGN122
- Principles of Chemistry II (SC1)
  - or CHGN125 Molecular Engineering & Materials Chemistry

#### CSCI101
- Introduction to Computer Science

#### ENGINEERING

#### PHGN200
- Physics II - Electromagnetism and Optics

#### CSCI101
- Introduction to Computer Science
  - or MATH201 Probability and Statistics for Engineers

#### MATH201
- Probability and Statistics for Engineers
  - or CBEN110 Fundamental of Biology I
  - or CHGN122 Principles of Chemistry II (SC1)
  - or CHGN125 Molecular Engineering & Materials Chemistry

#### GEGN101
- Earth and Environmental Systems

#### ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

#### FOUR COURSES REQUIRED

#### CHGN122
- Principles of Chemistry II (SC1)

#### GEGN101
- Earth and Environmental Systems

#### MATH201
- Probability and Statistics for Engineers

#### PHGN200
- Physics II - Electromagnetism and Optics

#### GEOLOGICAL ENGINEERING

#### GEGN101
- Earth and Environmental Systems

#### PHGN200
- Physics II - Electromagnetism and Optics

#### CHGN122
- Principles of Chemistry II (SC1)
  - or CHGN125 Molecular Engineering & Materials Chemistry

#### GEOPHYSICAL ENGINEERING

#### CSCI101
- Introduction to Computer Science

#### GEGN101
- Earth and Environmental Systems

#### PHGN200
- Physics II - Electromagnetism and Optics

#### MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

#### PHGN200
- Physics II - Electromagnetism and Optics

#### CHGN122
- Principles of Chemistry II (SC1)
  - or CHGN125 Molecular Engineering & Materials Chemistry

#### CBEN110
- Fundamental of Biology I
  - or GEGN101 Earth and Environmental Systems

#### METALLURGICAL & MATERIALS ENGINEERING

#### PHGN200
- Physics II - Electromagnetism and Optics

#### CHGN122
- Principles of Chemistry II (SC1)
  - or CHGN125 Molecular Engineering & Materials Chemistry

#### CBEN110
- Fundamental of Biology I
  - or GEGN101 Earth and Environmental Systems

#### MINING ENGINEERING

#### PHGN200
- Physics II - Electromagnetism and Optics

#### CHGN122
- Principles of Chemistry II (SC1)

#### PETROLEUM ENGINEERING

#### PHGN200
- Physics II - Electromagnetism and Optics

#### CHGN122
- Principles of Chemistry II (SC1)

#### ENGINEERING PHYSICS

#### PHGN200
- Physics II - Electromagnetism and Optics

#### CHGN122
- Principles of Chemistry II (SC1)
  - or CHGN125 Molecular Engineering & Materials Chemistry

#### CBEN110
- Fundamental of Biology I
  - or GEGN101 Earth and Environmental Systems
  - or CSCI101 Introduction to Computer Science

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**Engineering Requirement (see degree program listing)**

Engineering Requirements are applicable to undergraduate students in engineering disciplines as specified by the degree program. See
Department and Division program descriptions in this Catalog for specific courses required.

THE FRESHMAN YEAR

Freshmen in all programs normally take similar subjects. A sample first year schedule is listed below:

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Total Semester Hrs: 32.0

* For scheduling purposes, registration in combinations of GEGN101, CBEN110, HASS100, EBGN201, MATH201, CSCI101, and EDNS151 will vary between the fall and spring semesters. Students admitted with acceptable advanced placement credits will be registered in accordance with their advanced placement status.

** Completion of EDNS155 in lieu of EDNS151 is by permission only and does not alter the total hours required for completion of the degree.